

## STATE PROBE OF U.P. WRECK MAY BE ORDERED SOON

Public Utilities Commission in Conference Over Action.

Fix Blame on Cause of Disaster That Killed 11.

WET WEATHER IS BLAMED

Railroad Investigation Clears Action of Employees.

Reward for Discovery of Lost Baby Is Offered Today.

LARGE NET HELD IN STREAM

Possibility That Another Body May Have Been Lost.

Motor Car Is Raised and Traffic Will Be Resumed Today.

A conference was held today by the members of the public utilities commission on the question of holding an investigation of the wreck of the Union Pacific motor car which crashed Saturday at Randolph, Kan. If Senator J. L. Bristow, chairman of the commission, deems it necessary to investigate the cause of the disaster it will be done at once. The gas hearing will occupy the attention of the commission this week, but the Randolph trouble may possibly interfere with the hearing.

The Union Pacific report of the wreck in which eleven lost their lives has been made in the form of the board of public inquiry. This board, composed of business men and railway officers, looked into the matter thoroughly Sunday and decided that no blame can be placed on any individual for the accident but that it was due to the heavy rainfall of the year gradually washing away the dirt beneath the surface of the track.

An inspection trip made over the line by the superintendent two weeks ago showed that it was in good condition. Friday night's rain was given as the direct cause.

One feature brought out at Randolph today fully accounted for several persons believed missing. The fact of the motor car being in the wreck but today they were found in farm houses in the vicinity and at neighboring towns.

**Reward for Child.**  
The Union Pacific has offered a reward for the recovery of the one-year-old child of Mrs. Emma Denlinger of Frankfort, Kan. A dispatch from Randolph this afternoon states that when the accident occurred Mrs. Denlinger was holding the baby in her arms. The child was hurled from the motor car and disappeared at the end of the car which filled fast with water. Mrs. Denlinger and a five-year-old baby were rescued.

The identity of a man previously believed to have been M. J. Stocks of Hays, Kan., today was established as Alexander Kosma of Hays. Relatives who believed Kosma a passenger on the wrecked car came here and made the identification.

**Heavy Rains Blamed.**  
The heavy rains of the spring and summer did as much to cause the Union Pacific wreck at Randolph, Kan., Saturday as anything else, according to the report of the board of public inquiry, consisting of two Junction City business men and several Union Pacific officials. The rain Friday night capped the climax and caused the disaster. No one can be blamed for the wreck, the board says, and the members declare that the section foreman and others were conscientious in carrying out their duties.

The report of the board was wired this morning to R. W. Blair, of Topeka, general attorney of the road, it follows:

"Randolph, Oct. 17.—A board of public inquiry consisting of the undersigned men at Randolph, October 17, 1915, found the ground and bridge at point of accident and investigated the cause of the disaster. Statements from various railroad employees, and that following was the cause of the disaster: The motor car at north end of bridge where motor car was derailed. It is opinion of the board that the motor car was derailed by the heavy rain of the season of 1915, which has continued almost incessantly since about July 1, and has been subject to much water caused by rain in watershed of this stream during night of October 16, and the soil being sandy loam and susceptible to quicker erosion than under ordinary conditions, evidenced by bank beginning at point approximately 200 feet west of north abutment being apparently cut away by strong current which removed the earth a distance of 30 feet north and south and 200 feet east and west, resulting in strong current being delivered at right angles to the main line of the river, and the men who were on the car to look after track and bridges had not been notified of the emergency of that duty. Board wishes especially to commend the conductor and motorman for their presence and courage in saving lives of passengers."

"President First National Bank Junction City."

"G. A. ROCKWELL, Co., Junction City."

"R. L. HUNTLEY, Co., Junction City."

"Chief Engineer U. P. R. R. Co., Omaha, Neb."

"CHARLES WARE, General Manager U. P. R. R. Co., Omaha, Neb."

"A. H. TREETERS, Mechanical Engineer U. P. R. R. Co., Omaha, Neb."

"W. M. JEFFERS, Superintendent U. P. R. R. Co., Omaha, Neb."

"R. L. DAVIS, Superintendent U. P. R. R. Co., Kansas City."

**Trying to Find Body.**  
Randolph, Kan., Oct. 18.—A large party of men this morning spent several hours at the scene of the Union

## HIGH LIGHTS IN EUROPE'S WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

Retaking of Ostend by Allies was reported. Canadian troops landed at Arras and Royce and advanced to Lille. A mine in Tsing-Tau harbor sank the Japanese cruiser Takachiho with 271 men, all lost. Rumakina stopped war munitions bound for Turkey.

Dunkirk inhabitants fled before the Germans. Germany claimed the Allies were repulsed west and northwest of Lille. Heavy fighting was reported between Dixmude and Roulers. Vienna said the enemy lost 40,000 men at Przemyśl and that their night attacks were stopped with heavy losses.

Weather, Germany said, has stopped Hindenburg's advance in Poland temporarily. Sarajevo was expected to fall before the Serbo-Montenegrin attack in Bosnia. A French cruiser sank a German submarine in the Atlantic. Turkey refused to discharge German crews from the two German battleships she has. England demanded the release of the Petrograd reported Warsaw and Przemyśl victories Sunday.

Pacific motor wreck in an effort to recover the body of the year old son of Mrs. Emma Denlinger of Frankfort, Kan. The body of the baby is the only one that has not been recovered as far as authorities can learn. The search for long days, but the search is being continued. There is a faint possibility that others may have been caught in the wreckage.

The motor car has now been placed on a flat car. The wreckage is being cleared away as fast as possible and wrecking crews are repairing the damage. All last night, watchmen with lanterns maintained a vigil on the bridge from which the train fell into the flooded Fancy creek. A huge net stretched across the stream below the bridge was raised today in the hope of finding any bodies that might have been caught there. The attempt was unsuccessful.

This morning ten bodies had been recovered and one missing. The injured list totaled 43. G. H. Webb, section foreman, believed that the heavy rains Friday night might cause difficulty north of Randolph, made an inspection trip in his hand car several miles north. He was accompanied by a posse of men at the station before looking over the bridge. He and his men saw the car become submerged.

It was believed that several corpses would be discovered in the smoking compartment, when raised. The bodies had passed out of the open windows and were obtained by rescuers in the water.

When the smoking part of the car was lifted out of the water it was found to be empty.

**Legless Man a Hero.**  
John Larson Smith, a legless man, proved himself to be one of the real heroes of the Randolph motor car wreck Saturday. Smith started for a window when the car crashed through the bridge and he was the first to place of probable safety when he saw the five year old daughter of Mrs. Denlinger thrown toward the forward end of the motor car.

Smith leapt out of the wreck and made his way on the stub train north, eventually going to Lincoln, Neb., it was thought. He did not wait to collect the thanks and congratulations of the throngs around the wreck but unawares slipped away from the scene of his heroisms.

**Dead.**  
Dr. Lewis Attwood, Topeka. G. T. Brummitt, Topeka. Alma Kjellin, Garrison, Kan. Miss Ethel Retzer, Manhattan. Carl Stoenberg, Randolph, Kan. E. L. Peterson, Lincoln, Neb. R. T. Shields, Huntington, Ore. Alexander Kosma, Hays, Kan. A. O. Shaw, Tecumseh, Neb. Leo Smith, Lincoln, Neb.

**Missing.**  
Year-old son of Mrs. Emma Denlinger, Frankfort, Kan.

**Injured.**  
C. B. Bonewitz, Beatrice. C. F. Hackett, baggage man, Manhattan; cuts on head.

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**NEEDS 3 MILLION**

England Requires Vast New Army to Win.

Now Useless to Talk of "Wearing Out" Germany.

London, Oct. 18.—"Great Britain needs 3,000,000 more men by spring."

This declaration was made today by Brigadier General Sir Eric Swayne, director of recruiting in the northern command, in a speech at Hull. General Swayne estimated that Germany still has between 8,000,000 and 10,000,000 men from the ages of 15 to 45 and that, therefore, it is useless to talk about wearing out Germany.

In the spring, he said, Germany would have more men than the allies, which would balance the numbers of the allies and the central powers, but if Great Britain should raise 3,000,000 additional, Germany could not continue.

Great Britain, he added, did not want compulsion, but unless 3,000,000 more men were raised by spring the military authorities could not be responsible for the war.

**FINANCIER HALE AT 100**

Baltimore Centenarian Home From Trip to Celebrate Anniversary.

Baltimore, Oct. 18.—William Wallace Spence, for many years a leading financier of the city, died today the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Last Saturday he returned to Baltimore from Hot Springs, Va., where he had spent the summer.

For years Mr. Spence has expressed the determination to live to be 100 years old and the fact that he had done so is attributed largely to his iron will.

## PASS BACK CHECKS REOPEN GAS CASE

Topeka Merchants Caught by Worthless Paper.

Smoothest Game on Police Record Worked in City.

MAN CARRIED ARM IN SLING

Claimed He Had Just Received Accident Insurance.

Even Board Bill Was Included in Victim List.

A deluge of worthless checks, the total amount of which the police believe may run into four figures, have been unloaded on to Topeka, merchants in the last ten days. Two men of unknown identity, who first appeared in the city Saturday, October 9, passed the worthless paper, and manipulated one of the smoothest forgery games in the history of police records. The latest business firms of the city including Crosby Bros., the Warren M. Crosby Co., the Voland Clothing Co., and the Mathews & Bowman Co., have been defrauded of \$37,500 each. The checks given by the two men, the oldest of whom claimed to be Clyde Brant of Maple Hill, were purported to have been drawn by the Southern Security Co., an insurance company of St. Louis. They were made out on blanks of the Security Company, which the police believe were stolen from the offices of the company.

An endless stream of the worthless paper was passed and a number of business houses since last Thursday.

**Appeared a Week Ago.**  
A week ago Saturday the two men first appeared in local business houses. One of them wore a gray suit and was about 22 years of age. The other, who was the leader and endorsed the checks with the name John Brant, appeared to be about 25 years of age.

"Brant" expressed his desire to make purchases. He selected always about twenty or twenty-four dollars worth of goods and was paid for them by the checks. He always received the goods and the remainder in change.

The oldest man carried his arm in a sling. He purported that the check was sent him by the Southern Security Co. in payment on an insurance policy for his injury. He also claimed to be a resident of Maple Hill and named dozens of residents of that place.

**Board Bill, Too.**  
His argument was convincing and the merchants accepted the checks. He stayed for two or three days at the boarding house at 212 West Eighth street which is owned by Mrs. E. M. Burnett. He gave Mrs. Burnett a check for \$25 in payment for his board and she gave him a receipt for it. He promised to call later and receive the remainder but never returned.

The checks are made payable at a St. Louis bank and are numbered a 1600 series. All checks discovered so far with the exception of the one given Mrs. Burnett were made out for \$37.50.

The first check was called to the attention of the police last Thursday. Spencer A. Abbott, plain clothes man, was put to work on the case. Since that time the police have received reports. Abbott believes that only a small number of the protested slips of paper have been brought to light.

Abbott also says that the men are fleeing the paper all over the country. All peace officers in a radius of 200 miles have been notified to watch out for the men.

**WILSON WILL TELL**

President to Explain Why He Asks \$500,000,000.

To Open Campaign for National Defense on Nov. 4.

Washington, Oct. 18.—President Wilson will open his campaign for his national defense program in a speech before the Manhattan club in New York City on the evening of November 4.

It will be the president's first public utterance on the subject since he approved the plans prepared by Secretary Garrison and Daniels. The speech is expected to be of significance because the president is expected to disclose the reasons he will urge on congress why the United States should be more adequately prepared for defense.

Today the president received a letter from a Maryland peace delegation for national defense, asking him to take steps to assure the United States against attack from abroad.

The five year naval building program which contemplates the addition of sixteen capital ships to the navy in 1925, will tax the normal capacity of American shipyards, in the opinion of navy officers.

Daniels said today that fact had weight in determining over what period the expenditure of the \$500,000,000 which will be asked was to be distributed.

American yards now are busy with new ships and have contracts to keep them engaged for several years. With-out a great increase in both public and private shipbuilding facilities, the secretary thought it would be virtually impossible to construct the sixteen ships in any less time than the period fixed upon.

**WAR STAMPS STOLEN**

Robbers Get \$15,000 in Stickers From Revenue Office.

Evansville, Ind., Oct. 18.—Robbers forced the safe in the office of the United States internal revenue collector early today and took \$15,000 in emergency war stamps.

Deputy Collector W. E. Foley said the war revenue stamps could readily be converted into money.

## ANOTHER CHAPTER IN CONTROVERSY BEFORE UTILITIES BODY.

Kansas Natural Receivers Want 37-Cent Gas Rate.

THEY WANT A FAIR DIVIDEND

Receivers Claim It Is a Duty of Utilities Commission.

For Years Case Has Been Juggled by Kansas Courts.

The public utilities commission will begin another chapter of the gas rate controversy Tuesday morning when it opens the hearing of the Kansas Natural receivers for a 37-cent rate. The hearing is a result of a recent decision of the supreme court to this effect that the utilities commission did not hand down an opinion in its uncertain 28-cent rate order.

It is probable that the hearing will occupy the attention of the commission the remainder of the week. All of the testimony offered in the hearing held in Topeka in June will again be offered by the gas company receivers. It will be urged that the present 25-cent rate is not compensatory and that under the recent ruling of the supreme court it is the duty of the commission to grant a rate that will return a fair dividend on the investment of the producing and distributing companies.

For several years the gas question has been juggled from the utilities commission to the courts and back again. The case has had a few rulings in almost every state and federal court tribunal in the country and is now making its third appearance before the public utilities commission.

**Depended on Missouri.**  
Following the hearing in Topeka last spring, the utilities commission decided that the gas company might be able to get a 37-cent rate for gas, provided such a rate was approved by the Missouri commission.

Instead the gas company went before Judge Flannely of Montgomery county and secured a thirty-cent rate. Then the commission took the case to the supreme court. The rate, which was to have become effective October 1, was set aside.

In passing on the merits of the controversy, however, the supreme court held that the utilities commission must grant a rate that was compensatory. It did not provide for the earnings of the company. Both the first and second mortgage bondholders of the company are now in court. While the court did not assume to decide whether a twenty-five or thirty-cent rate was just, it ordered that the commission allow a reasonable rate.

Application for a rehearing of the case was filed by the gas company almost immediately following the supreme court's order. The application was granted and the new hearing will start Tuesday morning.

**SUNDAY ID SLIPS**

Liquor Violations in Chicago Show Increase Over Week Ago.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Seventy-four violations of Chicago's Sunday saloon closing law were recorded in revised police reports, an increase of forty-six over the number reported a week ago. The increase was due to the fact that the number of violations reported in the week ending October 11 was only twenty-eight.

Thirty-five of the violations consisted of obstructing a view to the bar. Arrests were made on thirty-five of the violations. The increase in the list of closing violations, a week ago Sunday fewer than thirty arrests were made. Yesterday thirteen persons were arrested for drunkenness.

Chief of Police Healey said, however, that the Sunday closing has decreased the number of crimes to a "very considerable extent."

**FLOOD OF WHEAT**

Greatest Movement Known Through New York Port.

Dominion Rushing Cereal to England and Allies.

REAL FALL WEATHER

September—Not Fair Week—Brand on Tap in Kansas.

September weather is on tap here today, the temperature being above normal, but not very far from the summer average. The low temperature this morning was 54 degrees, which is 8 degrees above the normal.

The forecast calls for fair weather tonight and Tuesday, with lower temperature in the eastern part of the state tonight, but warmer weather in the west Tuesday.

The lowest temperature in this state was 34 degrees in 1898 and the highest was 84 in 1888. The wind this morning was blowing from the west at the rate of 6 miles an hour.

The temperatures today have averaged 9 degrees above normal. The wind is blowing at the rate of 13 miles an hour from the northwest. Following are the hourly temperature readings for today:

7 o'clock	54	11 o'clock	67
8 o'clock	55	12 o'clock	70
9 o'clock	59	1 o'clock	71
10 o'clock	63	2 o'clock	73

**HONOR TO NEGRO HERO**

Military Tribute at Bier of Black Confederate Veteran.

Little Rock, Oct. 18.—Major Stone, said to be the only negro member of the United Confederate veterans' organization, was given a full military funeral at Batesville yesterday.

When Company K of the Arkansas rifles was organized, a man named Jeff Stone joined with Stone was a negro servant called "Major." Stone was promoted to a captaincy, but at the battle of Chickamauga was killed. Through a rain of bullets, striking him in the back, he was carried to his master's body into the Confederate lines and had it buried.

For this act he was permitted to join the Batesville camp.

## FINAL STEP IN RECOGNITION OF CARRANZA REGIME.

U. S. Leads Way in Extending Acknowledgment.

CONFEREES WIND UP PARLEYS

Re-establishment of Arms Embargo Is Planned.

New Ruler Expected to Demand Huerta's Extradition.

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 18.—The Carranza government in Mexico has launched a campaign against the state of Sonora with a force of 8,000, according to information reaching the constitutionalist consulate here today. The report also says that many of the Maya Indians who have been in the Villa forces near Mazatlan have laid down their arms and returned to their farms.

Washington, Oct. 18.—The final step in the recognition of the Carranza government in Mexico was taken today, with the United States taking the lead in formally acknowledging the establishment of the new de facto government. Delivery of a note this evening by Secretary of State Lansing to Eliseo Arredondo, Carranza's representative here, was the plan agreed upon.

Similar notes to Arredondo were in the form of a recognition scheduled by several other South American countries. Other South and Central American nations will send new credentials to their diplomatic representatives already in Mexico City.

**End to Conferences.**  
The conference this afternoon of the Pan-American delegates was to be the last. Arredondo was to appear officially before the conference for notification of the Carranza government of an arms embargo on the border is planned. President Wilson's program was adopted and was expected to be issued late today. All official and unofficial relations with Villa, Zapata and other revolutionary leaders ceased today.

Incidentally, the agreement of Villa with General Scott for the establishment of a neutral zone at Agua Prieta and other points to avoid firing on American soil also ends. The retreat of Villa's dwindling army into northern Sonora is expected to prevent differences on this score arising.

**Huerta's Flight Serious.**  
The plight of General Huerta, held on trial at Fort Bliss, in charge of violating United States neutrality now becomes more serious. Carranza is expected to demand his extradition for trial on a charge of murdering former President Madero. Huerta will probably be delivered to Carranza if this government is convinced of Carranza's good faith in giving him a political offender, but as an alleged murderer.

**MORE SHOTS OVER BORDER.**  
U. S. Officers Attach Little Importance to Latest "Outbreak."

Brownsville, Oct. 18.—The first firing across the Rio Grande in more than three weeks occurred at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, near the Mercedes pumping plant, thirty-five miles above Brownsville. The firing was reported to be a fight between the American soldiers returned the fire, but no one was hurt.

Captain Hassan of the Sixth cavalry, in command there, reported to Fort Brown that a Mexican dance was in progress on the Mexican side where a shooting occurred on the night of the 15th. He did not believe the occurrence serious. Constant vigilance is being maintained by military authorities.

**FLOOD OF WHEAT**

Greatest Movement Known Through New York Port.

Dominion Rushing Cereal to England and Allies.

New York, Oct. 18.—What is said by grain men to be the largest movement of Canadian wheat through the United States that has ever been recorded is now going on through this port. Records of the produce exchange compiled to and including Friday, October 15, show that 4,256,781 bushels have been brought in since the early part of August and reloaded on steamships for shipment mainly to England, France and Italy.

The increased acreage is not only due to a favorable season, but also to a general spurring up of Canadian officials to provide the mother country and allied nations with a wheat crop to take the place of that normally imported from Russia and the Balkan states.

The total export wheat movement through New York from August 1 to October 15 is placed at 12,111,525 bushels, of which 7,845,734 bushels was grown in the United States. Grain men say they expect the heavy export movement will continue through the entire season or until about January 1, when the Argentine crop is available.

**Noted Astronomer Dead.**  
St. Charles, Mo., Oct. 18.—The Rev. Father Charles M. Chappuis, S. J., known internationally as an astronomer, and formerly head of the department of science of St. Louis university, died here Sunday of appendicitis.

**Fatal Football Accident.**  
Moscow, Idaho, Oct. 18.—Floyd Gilbert, captain of the Grangeville high school football team, died here today from a broken neck, sustained in a game Saturday.

## VILLA'S ENTIRE "NAVY" TAKEN BY CARRANZA 'FLEET'

Galveston, Oct. 18.—The entire Villa navy has been captured on the Pacific coast by a Carranza fleet, according to a message received here today by the Carranza agency.

The "navy" consists of the gunboat Bonita, while the "fleet" comprises the Constitutional gunboat Guerrero and the Corigan, too.

Desperate Resistance Breaks on Save-Drina Front.

Teutonic Advance South of Belgrade Continues.

BULGARIANS OCCUPY HEIGHTS

Berlin Recites Successes on All Fronts.

Report Says Bulgars Have Cut Nish-Saloniki Road.

London, Oct. 18.—The entente allies have effected a landing at Enos on the Aegean sea in Greece, Turkey, close to the Bulgarian border, and have seized the railroad at that point, according to a dispatch from Athens to the Messagero, of Rome, transmitted by the Central News.

Berlin, Oct. 18.—The Serbian forces in the Macva district of the Save-Drina front in North-western Serbia, where strong resistance has been offered to the Teutonic invaders, are now beginning to retreat, it was officially announced today by German army headquarters.

The Teutonic advance south of Belgrade continues, and progress is also being made in the Pozarevac sector. Additional successes also are reported for the Bulgarians, on the eastern border of Serbia.

**Enemy Begins to Retreat.**  
In recording the progress of operations in the Balkan theater of war, today's announcement says: "In the Macva district the enemy is beginning to retreat."

"Our troops are advancing south of Belgrade against Cetkovy-Groo and village of Zlatibor. Southeast of Pozarevac we took Crlice and Rosavac."

The Bulgarians have occupied the heights of Muelin Percin and Badin Zab.

**British Fail in West.**  
The official statement issued today by German army headquarters staff had this to say of the western theater of war:

"The trench work northeast of Verdun, which projects far into the enemy positions, was repeatedly attacked by the English with strong forces. All their attacks failed with heavy losses and the trench remained in our hands."

"Attempts of the French to attack at Tahure were subdued by our fire."

"A new enemy advance with the object of recapturing lost positions south of Leintrey was unsuccessful. It cost the French, in addition to sanguinary losses, the capture of seven local commissioned officers and seventy-three chasseurs as prisoners."

**Allies Regain No Ground.**  
"On Schratzmannelle the enemy could not recapture a single foot of ground by a direct attack, notwithstanding the use of considerable quantity of ammunition."

"Yesterday German airships attacked a formation of British aeroplanes, dropping eight bombs on the fortress. A number of fires were observed to have been caused by the explosions."

The final report, dealing with the eastern war zone, says:

"Field Marshal von Hindenburg, in his attack south of Riga, made good progress. Two officers and 230 other prisoners remained in our hands."

"Russian attacks west of Jaconstadt were repulsed."

"Army Group of General von Linsingen—On the river Svir, from Rafalovka to Kurland, new local engagements have developed."

**Allies Take Strumitsa.**  
London, Oct. 18.—Occupation of Strumitsa by the allied forces is confirmed by a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Athens. The dispatch adds that the allied armies are advancing. A number of allied warships are cruising in the Aegean off the Bulgarian port of D